

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Markus BAUR et al.

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Application No.:

09/982,649

Group Art Unit: 1651

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Examiner: Leon B. Lankford, Jr.

For: IMMORTALIZED HUMAN SKIN CELL LINES

AND NOVEL SERUM-FREE MEDIUM

USEFUL FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-10173

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Also submitted herewith is a Statement Regarding Microorganism Deposit Under the Terms of the Budapest Treaty.

No fees are believed due for the amendment to the claims submission. Please charge any required fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.